(c) *if so, what measures* are being taken by Government to prevent this kind of applications from becoming a real drain on our foreign exchange resources?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) Whenever an application for grant of industrial licence is received for more than one item, comments from all concerned are obtained for each item and the application is considered with reference to the licensing policy applicable to each item as well as the foreign exchange *implications.*

Relaxation in the location policy of MRTP and FERA

1230. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have relaxed the location policy of MRTP and FERA companies to encourage investment in delicensed industries; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the decision taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE *DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL* DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) Delicensing of industries for MRTP/FERA Companies for locations in backward areas was hitherto subject *inter alia* to the condition that the industrial undertaking is not located within a radius of 100 kms of a city having population of 25 lakhs, according to 1981 Census. Consequent upon the issue of new locational policy as contained in notification No. 629(E) dt. 30-6-1988, it was decided in September, 1988 that the delicensing facilities will not be available to MRTP/FERA companies if the industrial undertaking is located within:—

(i) 50 Kms from the boundary of the standard urban area limits of any city having a population of more than 25 lakhs according to the 1981 Census; or

(ii) 30 Kms from the boundary of the standard urban area limits of any city having a population of more than 15 lakhs but less than 25 lakhs according to 1981 Census; or

(iii) 15 Kms from the boundary of the standard urban area limits of any city having a population of more than 7.5 lakhs but less than 15 lakhs according to 1981 Census; or

(iv) the standard urban area or *municipal limits of other cities* and towns.

Use of gas for running motor cars

1231. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Oil and Natural Gas Commission (ONGC) are presently examining a project for running motor vehicles with gas; and

(b) *if so, what are the details* thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) ONGC have converted gasoline and diesel vehicles for use of compressed natural gas (CNG) with the help of imported kits. They also propose to convert 10 buses of Gujarat State Road Transport Corporation to run on CNG. The Oil Industry Development Board has given a grant of Rs. 28 lacs to ONGC for conversion of GSRTC vehicles. These are only pilot studies and commercial use of CNG has not been taken up so far.